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## **Team Up for Fire Safety** **Fire Prevention Week October 6-12, 2002**

**Sacramento-**The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to “Team Up for Fire Safety” during this year’s Fire Prevention Week October 6-12, 2002.

Governor Davis declared this Fire Prevention Week in California to acknowledge that 85% of all fire deaths occur in the home. Most of those deaths are preventable and simple precautions can save hundreds of lives every year. “If everyone would remove fire hazards, install a smoke detector and have an escape plan for their family we could prevent many of the tragedies that our fire fighters see every year,” said State Fire Marshal John Tennant. “Those of us in the fire service are joining forces to encourage families to work together on this important issue. A few minutes spent now could prevent a lifetime of regret later.”

This year’s theme encourages families to include children in keeping their homes fire safe. Families can search through their home for fire hazards, test their smoke detector and practice a family escape drill. Around California CDF and other fire agencies will collaborate with a variety of local partners from sports teams to schools to local businesses and citizens of all ages to drive home the life saving fire safety message.

